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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm deeply concerned about the proposed changes to take away small ISP's access to critical unbundled network elements.

I work with a local ISP - Sonic.net. Their service is exemplary: far better than the service I've received from AT&T, who I was a customer of until I switched to Sonic.

My experience with most large telecom providers is their customer service is poor; they attempt to force you to purchase bundles of services you don't need; and without adequate competition, they continue to raise prices without increasing service.

I support rules that encourage competition from smaller players like Sonic, in regional areas like the Bay Area. The Sonics of the world keep the larger players honest; force them to provide competitive pricing and better service; and give a viable option to those of us who want to support local businesses with local employees.

Please disregard lobbying efforts from major telecoms like AT&T and Verizon, and continue to support small players like Sonic with your rules.

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